FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0083 Title: Revise school district tuition payments Primary Sponsor: Campbell, M **Status:** As Introduced Sponsor signature Date David Ewer, Budget Director Date **Fiscal Summary** FY 2006 FY 2007 **Difference** Difference **Expenditures:** General Fund \$0 \$336,000 **Revenue:** General Fund \$0 \$336,000 **Net Impact on General Fund Balance:** \$0 \$0 Significant Local Gov. Impact \boxtimes **Technical Concerns** Included in the Executive Budget Significant Long-Term Impacts Dedicated Revenue Form Attached Needs to be included in HB 2

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

Office of Public Instruction:

- 1. HB 83 changes the funding of tuition for students that attend schools outside of their district of residence because of placement in foster care or group home. The proposal also eliminates some attendance reporting requirements, and clarifies where a district must credit tuition receipts.
- 2. Under current law, county superintendents pay K-12 tuition for a child who is placed in licensed foster care or group homes outside the student's district of residence by the state or a court. Tuition payments are deducted from countywide elementary or high school equalization accounts by the county before monies are remitted to the state.
- 3. Under the proposal, the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) will make payments to the school district of attendance. Districts will submit a claim (out-of-district attendance agreement) to OPI at the end of the year of attendance. OPI will make payments from a general fund appropriation in the year following attendance.
- 4. Payments made by counties in FY 2004 totaled \$336,000. Tuition obligations in future years are anticipated to be about the same.
- 5. The bill is effective beginning July 1, 2005. It is assumed that OPI will make the first tuition payment under the proposal for school year 2005-2006 attendance, or in FY 2007.

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- 6. For school year 2004-2005 attendance, FY 2005 and FY 2006, the county superintendents will continue to pay tuition using the countywide equalization accounts.
- 7. The bill includes an appropriation amount of \$336,000 in the FY 2006 FY 2007 biennium for tuition payments for students that attend schools outside of their district of residence because of placement in foster care or group home.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	FY 2006	FY 2007
	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
Local Government Assistance	\$0	\$336,000
Funding of Expenditures:		
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$336,000
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Revenues:		
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$336,000
State Special Revenue (02)		
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):		
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0

TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. Tuition payments are required by statute. In the case of very high cost student services, or an increase of student placements by the state, costs could exceed the appropriation. OPI would have to request a supplemental appropriation to make payments in excess of the appropriation.